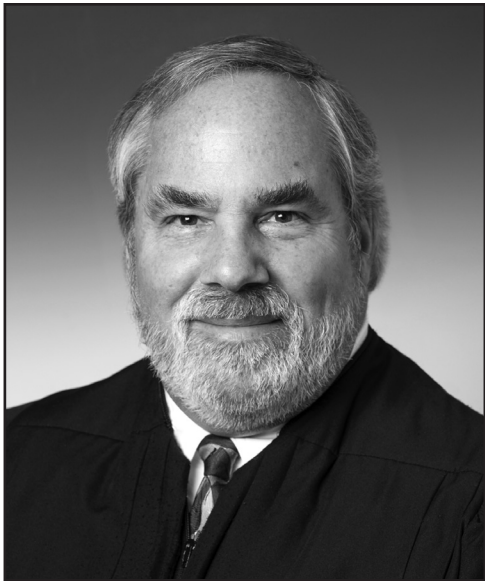


Superior Court Judge

Thomas A. “Tom” Matthews, Third Judicial District



MAILING ADDRESS: 825 W. 4th Ave
Anchorage, AK 99501-2004

AGE: 63

PLACE OF BIRTH: Flemington, NJ

SPOUSE’S NAME: Jane

CHILDREN’S NAMES: Charlie & Elizabeth

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 37

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Anchorage, 1985-present

EDUCATION:
University of California at Berkeley (BS 1982)
Northwestern School of Law, Lewis & Clark College
(JD 1985)

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Superior Court Judge, 2018-present
President and Owner, Matthews & Zahare, PC,
1994-2018; Associate Attorney & Partner, Bliss
Riordan, 1985-1994; Law Clerk, Bonneville Power
Administration, 1983-1985

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Alaska Bar Association (Ethics Committee)
Civil Pattern Jury Instruction Committee

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:
Hope & Sunrise Historical Society (Board Member)
Boys & Girls Clubs of Anchorage (past Hockey Board
member)

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Family, ice hockey, cooking, cabin time.

STATEMENT:
I have been privileged to serve as a Superior Court Judge in Anchorage since 2018, and this is my first retention election. Before being appointed, I practiced law for more than 30 years as a private lawyer, but I can truly say this is the best job I have ever had. I enjoy the challenge and the reward of hearing new cases every day. I strive to give every case the attention it deserves and to be fully prepared for every hearing.

I have learned a great deal in my first four years on the job, and I will do my best to make sure that everyone who appears in my courtroom gets a full and fair opportunity to be heard. As a Superior Court Judge, I preside over many different types of cases, including civil, family, probate, Child-In-Need-of-Aid, and criminal matters. I approach every case with a dedication to listening impartially to the parties, to hearing the relevant evidence, and to applying the law consistently and fairly. I am committed to assuring that all people are able to access and understand what is happening in the courtroom, and ultimately able to understand the decisions that I make about their cases.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Alaska. I will be honored if the voters will retain me as I am committed to serving the public and expanding my skills as a judge to the utmost of my ability.

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Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

Judge Thomas A. Matthews, Anchorage Superior Court

The Alaska Judicial Council finds Judge Matthews met or exceeded performance standards, and recommends a **“YES”** vote for another term in office

Judge Matthews was appointed to the Anchorage Superior Court in July of 2018. Judge Matthews handles primarily civil cases. This is his first retention evaluation.

Summary: After conducting its performance review, the Judicial Council determined that Judge Matthews met or exceeded performance standards on all criteria, including legal ability, integrity, impartiality/fairness, temperament, diligence, and administrative skills. The Council further concluded that Judge Matthews complied with judicial ethics standards.

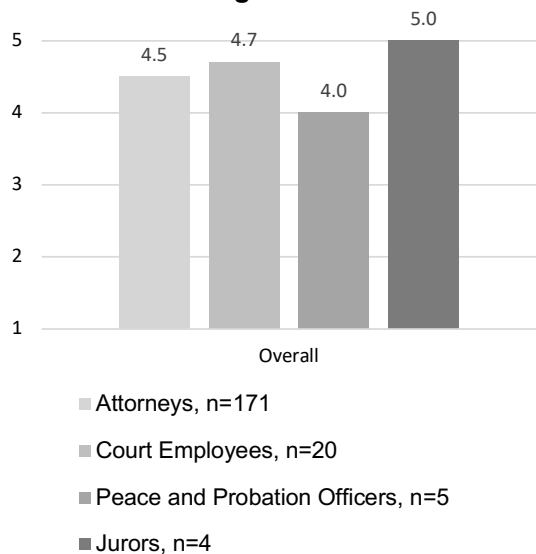
The Alaska Judicial Council therefore **recommends a “yes” vote** to retain Judge Matthews in office.

Survey ratings: Attorneys who appeared before Judge Matthews gave him excellent reviews, as did court employees. Five peace and probation officers who appeared before Judge Matthews also gave him excellent reviews. Jurors rated him very highly. The chart shows some of the survey ratings received by Judge Matthews. Complete survey ratings are available at www.ajc.state.ak.us.

Professional activities: The Council’s review of Judge Matthews’s professional activities showed significant contributions to the administration of justice and his community. Judge Matthews made contributions in the areas of committee and work group service, community outreach, and teaching. A detailed list of Judge Matthews’s professional and community activities is posted at www.ajc.state.ak.us.

Other performance indicators: The Council reviewed other performance indicators for Judge Matthews, including financial and conflict of interest statements, whether pay was withheld for an untimely decision, how often parties disqualified him from cases, and appellate reversal rates. Judge Matthews performed very well in these areas.

Justice System Professionals' Survey Ratings for "Overall" Job Performance for Judge Matthews



Rated on a scale from 5 (excellent) to 1 (poor)

*Judges are rated by different groups depending on caseloads.

Find this judge’s full performance evaluation at www.ajc.state.ak.us